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A FEW MORE CANDIDATES GET IN GAME

TWO ASPIRANTS NOW IN THE RACE FOR SHERIFF.

Suggested Nominees of the Farmer-Labor Bloc Have So Far Failed to Come Forward.

The political situation is just about the same, on the surface, at least. One by one candidates are mustering up the necessary courage to come out of the woods and the necessary cash to complete their filing. Two more have showed up at the county clerk's office during the past three or four days, and both of them are aspirants for the job of sheriff of Box Butte county.

George P. Jones has filed for the republican nomination for sheriff. Mr. Jones is from Hemingford, and has been employed in the G. W. Lockwood store. Mr. Jones will be recalled as the man who assisted the Hemingford town marshal in running to earth the Mexicans who were charged with making away with several hundred dollars' worth of merchandise. The men were never brought to trial, but Mr. Jones identified them in the best style imaginable.

Jay Oliver is another Hemingford man who aspires to be sheriff, and his preference is for the democratic ticket. Mr. Oliver has paid his fee to the county treasurer, but has not confided his intentions to the county clerk, a necessary formality. The payment of the fee, however, shows his intention clearly.

This completes the list of new filings. It was expected that the candidates selected by the farmer-labor coalition, which met at Hemingford last Wednesday, would rush to complete their filing, but not a single one has appeared to date, although a complete ticket covering every office vacant in the county, was endorsed by the union men and farmers. One of the farmer-labor candidates, George H. Hagaman, had already filed, but on the republican ticket, whereas the convention decided on availing themselves of the democratic primary. Rev. B. J. Minort, endorsed for state senator, has decided not to try for the job. Miss Susan Frazier, now on the faculty of Chadron normal, is not expected to be a candidate, and while others on the list will undoubtedly file, they have not as yet definitely cast their dices into the ring.

City Politics Missing.

The bench-warmers club is without (Continued on Page 8.)

WILL PROTEST CLOSING THE LAND OFFICE

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TAKES ACTION MONDAY.

Receiver J. H. H. Hewitt Explains Reasons Why Office Should Remain in Alliance.

The chamber of commerce at their weekly luncheon Monday took up the matter of the proposed discontinuance of the Alliance land office and instructed James H. H. Hewitt, the receiver of the land office to prepare a resolution to be sent to the department of the interior and to the legislative officers from this district and state protesting against the proposed change.

Mr. Hewitt, in a short talk to the members, told of some reasons why the office should not be moved. He said that there was a large amount of land south of the Platte that would be opened as soon as the reclamation project was extended to include it, and that if all people who wished to file on this land were forced to go to Lincoln to do so the amount saved by moving the office would be a great deal less than the amount spent on railroad fare. He also said that there were 1,500 incomplete entries on land in this district and that an office was really needed to take care of this.

According to Mr. Hewitt it has been the custom to put the last land office in a state at the state capital, but as this is the only district where there is any appreciable amount of land open for entry this seems a rather strange procedure. The chamber then voted to have Mr. Hewitt prepare a resolution, which will be adopted at the next meeting. It was suggested, however, that a telegram be sent to Congressman Kinkaid to ascertain whether the order was in the form of a law or merely a departmental procedure. If the former is the case, there's little likelihood that anything can be done to change it.

A resolution was also adopted that the merchant marine of the country be put to some use and to build up the naval commerce of the United States. This was done at the suggestion of the Omaha chamber of commerce, and is a general movement throughout the country.

THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska: Increasing cloudiness, possibly snow in northeast portion; rising temperature Wednesday and in west and north portions tonight.

Men-Farmer Meeting Set for Sunday Afternoon

Everything is in readiness for the big meeting to be held by railmen and farmers at the Roof Garden in Alliance next Sunday afternoon. C. W. Maier of Cleveland, O., and M. Larson of Chicago, will be here and both have a place on the program. It is expected that Mr. Maier will make the main address and that Mr. Larson will follow him. Mr. Maier is the special representative of the B. of L. F. and E., and Mr. Larson is the general chairman of the same organization. These men were at the recent national conference at Chicago held by the farmers and various organized labor groups. They will explain the object and significance of the movement. This is not a political meeting but a meeting called for the discussion of national questions of interest to every citizen in these days of unrest.

Rev. B. J. Minort will also deliver a brief speech on the "High Cost of Ignorance." Music will be furnished by an orchestra, and there will be some singing to entertain the crowd.

HUGE PROFITS FOR GROWERS IN SEED SPUDS

NEW MARKET OPEN FOR WESTERN NEBRASKA PRODUCT

Professor Howard, Just Back From Texas, Reports on Possibilities of Increased Sales

"The creditable performance of certified Nebraska potatoes as seed stock in the Rio Grande valley of Texas offers a new, undeveloped outlet for Nebraska potatoes that will mean thousands of dollars to the potato growers of western Nebraska," says Professor R. F. Howard, chairman of the horticultural department in the university agriculture college, who has just returned from an extensive tour of that region. In conclusive experiments carried on by the horticultural department in the southern states it has been proven that dry land certified seed potatoes from Nebraska were equal or superior to those from other states, according to the State Journal. The potato dealers and growers greatly appreciate the interest shown by Nebraska in following up their sales with such investigations as Professor Howard has just made. This desire on the part of the buyers for (Continued on Page 8.)

Peter W. Collins Will Lecture Here Thursday, April 13

Peter W. Collins, noted lecturer, who is touring the country under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus, will speak in Alliance at the Imperial theater on Thursday, April 13. The lecture, which will be on present-day problems and especially directed against radicalism, will be of interest to every citizen and there will be no admission charge. Mr. Collins was scheduled to speak in Alliance on March 20, but a sudden illness necessitated a rearrangement of his schedule.

Mr. Collins is a leader in the corps of Knights of Columbus lecturers engaging in the nation-wide offensive of the K. of C. are conducting against organized radicalism. He is acknowledged to be one of the best equipped authorities on socialism, discussing all industrial problems from the viewpoint of a labor unionist in good standing and at the same time insisting on the rights of capital as well as the rights of labor.

Serving as an industrial expert with the federal government during the war and as an active labor executive for many years before the war, he has come into contact with every phase of the sociological-economic problems that confront the United States. His evidence during the investigation into the activities of socialist members of that assembly was one of the features of the most sensational legislative inquiry ever conducted in the United States.

As director general of K. of C. reconstruction and employment work after the war, Mr. Collins had charge of the functioning of the K. of C. system that placed 300,000 former service men back in civilian employment without a cent of cost to either employer or employees—constituting what Secretary of Labor James J. Davis characterizes as the most amazing feat in the history of modern employment management.

Mr. Collins' lecture will be under the auspices of Alliance council, which has issued a general invitation to the public to hear him.

TRUE MILLER NOW HEAD OF THE C. OF C.

LLOYD C. THOMAS CHOSEN AS SECRETARY.

Alliance Commercial Organization Will Lead Movement for Completion of the Potash Highway.

True Miller, of the firm of Coursey & Miller, Ford dealers, was elected president of the Alliance chamber of commerce at a meeting of the board of directors held Monday afternoon at the organization's headquarters. Mr. Miller will succeed Glen Miller who has held the office for several terms.

True Miller has been actively identified with the chamber of commerce of the city for years, and has for two years been a member of the board of directors. He is one of the greatest road boosters in the city. He stands exceedingly well with the membership of the organization, as well as with the people of the city and county generally, and it is doubtful if the board could have made a choice that would be more popular. Mr. Miller, it is believed, will do much to overcome the antagonism that has existed toward the chamber of commerce in certain quarters, and the prospects are for one of the most successful years in the history of the organization.

The selection of Lloyd C. Thomas as secretary should also meet with approval. Mr. Thomas is well acquainted with the county, having been a former editor of The Herald, and is one of the most consistent boosters that the city possesses. He is a good publicity man, having been correspondent for several Omaha and Lincoln newspapers for years, and his experience should be of considerable value in keeping Alliance on the map. The terms of the contract with Mr. Thomas provide that he shall devote a part of his time to the business of the organization and will receive a nominal salary for his services. Mr. Thomas will assume charge of the secretaryship the first of the month.

Other officers elected were: Vice president, J. W. Guthrie, veteran member of the board and a consistent hard worker; and Charles Brittan, treasurer. The board of directors now consists of True Miller, J. W. Guthrie, Charles Brittan, J. S. Rhein, A. T. Lunn, W. M. Bevington, Lee Moore, Floyd Lucas and C. A. Newberry. The program for the year has not been completed, but it is understood that considerable emphasis will be laid on road building, and that the Alliance organization will take a leading part in the movement for the completion of the Potash highway, a federal and state aid road from Grand Island to Alliance and Hot Springs, S. D. Although this project was approved some years ago, some important links of the route remain to be built. C. A. Newberry, newly elected director, urged the completion of the Potash highway as the most important work now before the chamber of commerce, and his view was enthusiastically accepted by the rest of the board.

Oil Leases Given on Large Block of Land North of City

The Lakeside Development company, now drilling for oil near Lakeside, is not the only pebble on the beach, so far as this part of western Nebraska is concerned. It is not generally known, although no effort has been made to conceal it, that another syndicate has been formed, headed by Carl Modisett and Victor I. Jeep, who are perfectly willing to invest some of their potash profits in a search for oil. The new syndicate has leased between 11,000 and 12,000 acres some ten or twelve miles northeast of Alliance. Land belonging to the two Herbert brothers, Frank Dillon, the three Nason brothers, Riley, Dan Lawrence, Charles Scott, Frank Trenkle and others, as well as several school sections, are included in the acreage leased, and other land has been leased in that neighborhood. Roughly speaking, the land leased lies between Wild Horse Butte and Box Butte. Under the terms of the lease, drilling must be under way by May 1, 1923.

It is understood that even if the Lakeside well should not pan out, other test wells will be sunk in the county, several locations having been suggested for the next well. The farmers who have granted oil leases are all very much interested in the drilling, not alone because of the liberal royalty arrangement in the leases, but because they wish a thorough test to be made and if there is any oil underlying their land, to learn about it.

It seems probable that drilling will not start at least until the Lakeside well shows some pretty good prospects and produces results, although the farmers who are interested in the new company say this will make no difference so far as the drilling is concerned. According to reports reaching The Herald from some of the men who have leased land, several geologists have gone over the ground, and at least one wigglystick man has said that he has never seen better indications.

ANSWERS TO THE P-WORD PUZZLE ARE COMING IN

PROSPECT FOR EXCITING CLOSE TO COMPETITION

Those in Too Great a Hurry May Submit a Second List—All Should Qualify for Big Prizes

Answers to our "P-word" picture puzzle are coming in at a lively rate and the prospects are that it is going to be an interesting and exciting game at the end.

They are all working at it, it seems—the boys and the girls both old and young, the butcher, the baker, the candlestick maker, the "school-marm" and the parson. But who is going to win the prize? That is what it will be interesting to see. So don't be a "piker" (even if it does begin with "p"). Get into the game.

There is no game of chance about this picture puzzle. It is a test of good eye and quick wits. And the beauty about it is that the fellow with only a practical education in the school of hard knocks. The former may know what "probois" means but don't know what a potato planter looks like. So there you are.

At any rate, when they get through with the puzzle they will both have increased vocabulary and their knowledge of things "p." From an educational standpoint they will be ahead. From a financial standpoint they will not be losers even if they should win no prize. They ought all have the Alliance Herald anyway. Incidentally, The Alliance Herald ought to get quite a number of new subscribers, this way—a very desirable result of the game.

Qualify for the Big Prizes.

There are some of the answers already received of which we cannot help but feel that it is too bad that their authors have not qualified for the bigger prizes.

We have been asked by contestants who were in a little to big a hurry in sending in their list of words, whether they would be allowed to send in a second list. This we have allowed. In fact we invite them to do so. We want everyone to have a full and fair chance. Also if they desire to qualify for a bigger prize, they of course can do so.

In looking over the answers which have been received so far, we find many contestants who have not followed the rules carefully. For instance one party includes in his list "photo" and "photo-mount." In the first place, if the word "photo" is used it cannot be used again as part of a compound word, and in the second place "photo-mount" is not in the dictionary. In the case of "pocket-knife," that can be used even though "pocket" is used as they are both complete words.

Many are using verbs and adjectives. Only nouns, actual objects seen on the picture count. Remember that. Don't get scared out by reports of others having bigger lists than you. The chances are that their lists are padded with words that don't count.

B. J. Minort's Arsenal Has Been Looted

The Rev. B. J. Minort during his recent illness was robbed of some articles which he kept in his garage, a tire pump, and an automatic revolver, which he kept in the side pocket of the car and which he avers that he used on hunting excursions. There is no clue as to the thief, as the loss was not discovered until Mr. Minort recovered. Mr. Minort also stated that he usually kept a rifle in the garage but as this was not there at the time of the robbery it was not taken. The fact that the garage was a small sized armory evidently held no terrors for the culprit, who had no reason to be afraid as long as the valiant preacher was not on hand to operate the artillery.

Fifty Boys Take Part in the First Kite Tournament

The first kite tournament was held north of the high school Saturday afternoon, with about fifty boys entered. Some of the events had to be cancelled because of the wind conditions but on the whole the tournament was as successful as could be expected.

Following are the winners: 1-8 mile race—first, Ellsworth Ralls, second, Johnny Holmes. High flyer—first, Albert Shadwinkle, second, James Hunter. Hard puller—first, Bobby Pate, second, James Hunter. Largest kite to fly—Billy Irish, 6 feet high.

Smallest kite to fly—William Zieg, 5 inches high. Yacht Race, Billy Fuller.

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City Manager's Corner

(By N. A. KEMMISH)

Saturday seems to have been an unusual day for unpleasant things to occur. Many times these unpleasant experiences and disappointments can be avoided if we would only look things up before we start. Last week permission was asked to hang a sign across the street underneath the "Welcome" sign. We went into detail giving reasons why it was not desirable to hang as large a sign as the one wanted underneath but said a banner sign of that size above the "Welcome" sign would be O. K. We even made a sketch of such a sign. Someone blundered, however, and the sign was made to hang underneath instead. We were censured and criticised severely because we did not allow it to be hung underneath. It has been the practice to allow reasonable sized signs of public interest to be placed underneath the "Welcome" sign. Not long ago, however, a sign was placed there without permission which came nearly causing an accident. We are about convinced after these unpleasant experiences that it will be the best for all concerned not to allow any one in the future to place temporary signs thereon, but place instead a permanent traffic sign. In placing these signs some of the lamp sockets in the "Welcome" sign have become broken so that it will be necessary to take the sign down in order to repair it.

WAITING FOR ALLIANCE TO GET TOGETHER

FAILURE IS HOLDING UP THE BUILDING OF ROADS

Hemingford Editor Indulges in Some Rather Interesting Reflections on the Subject

Alliance road boosters who smile at the recollection of that famous road meeting held at Hemingford some months ago, to decide on a compromise route for an Alliance-Hemingford thoroughfare, will have another opportunity to smile. The Hemingford Ledger has achieved the distinction of getting another chuckle from the road boosters—not particularly because that newspaper is urging building roads, but because it pictures Alliance in the favorite role of dog in the manger.

The Ledger pictures Hemingford waiting anxiously for connection with the Lincoln highway, and willing to go through Box Butte avenue to get it. The Hemingford newspaper suggests that the towns of the county should "get together" and get roads where they are needed.

Among other things, the Ledger says: "Our roads have been bad his spring, and it is largely because of increased traffic, and heavy truck hauling. Under the old conditions the road question would not loom up so big, but with an expanding acreage under cultivation, and in view of the hard usage the roads get from increased tonnage, it is a mighty vital question to this village now.

"Scratching the surface on an east and west road is just an irritation to the motorist. It should be high and wide. It carries more loads and more traffic than any road in the county, and the territory is only one tenth developed. We must have a real road west.

Favoritism is Charged "For years the north end of the county has never seen a grader in the time road building can be done efficiently. Usually we get a grader in July or later.

"This year it is our turn. "Farmers on the Hansen line six miles south need some relief and there should be work done north of town, to the county line. If Bayard wants a road north, let them show good faith and build their seventeen miles first. If they build seventeen miles straight north it would be well to build south from the Lawn Church and tie the roads together. But as long as they have the devilish hills and black rock for nine miles north of the ditch they are not entitled to our doing work except simultaneously with them.

Alliance Must Agree "It may be Alliance will consent to some one road to Bridgeport some day. They may get it then. Not much progress will be made till they get together on one route. Hemingford is for any route, even through the main street of Alliance, to get connection with the Lincoln highway. "Then there is the road north to the county line. The people out there trade in Alliance as much as they do in Hemingford, patronize all their conventions, fairs, etc., and the towns should join in getting a decent road in this direction. Let's go and get roads where they are needed."

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J. A. Hunter is very ill at his home with the flu.

COMMISSIONERS AND BOOSTERS IN AGREEMENT

A COMMITTEE FROM C. OF C. MAKES THE DISCOVERY.

Chadron Road Will Be Maintained in Style and Third Street Road Will Be Graded.

Either someone gave the chamber of commerce a wrong steer, or else the thoughts of election are foremost in the minds of the board of county commissioners, for when a delegation from the city's commercial organization paid the board an official visit Monday afternoon, it was discovered that there wasn't a single thing to scrap about.

The chamber of commerce committee wanted definite assurances that the Chadron road, a state aid project, would be graded and put into shape, and kept that way. It was reported that the commissioners had not paid any great attention to the Chadron road since some time last fall, and that it is now in a pretty punk condition for a state aid road, which must be maintained, according to the rules in such cases made and provided. Farmers living along the road added their complaints to others which reached the business men, and the story went out that the road was one collection of mud holes, and sadly in need of culverts, grading and general repairing.

The committee, consisting of Floyd Lucas, N. A. Kemmish and E. D. Maltery, went before the commissioners, but discovered on arrival that the commissioners had made plans already to put the road in shape. New culverts will be installed where needed, and the work will start within the next few days.

The committee also requested the commissioners to have the Third street road, leading past the Country club entrance and around Broncho lake, graded and made to connect with the roads leading into the city from the south. The point was made that at the present entrance to the city from the south gives tourists and strangers a rather poor impression of the city, coming as it does past the septic tank and other unsightly, ill favored and odorous sections of the city. The commissioners promised to begin grading at once.

It is understood that the impression that the commissioners were laying down on the Chadron road was due to some ill considered remarks of Commissioner George Carrell, who is said to have intimated that so far as he was concerned, the road would stay in its (Continued on Page 8.)

ASSESSORS TO BEGIN WORK ON FIRST OF APRIL

RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS AT A MEETING SATURDAY.

Blanks This Year Must Be Sworn to—Precinct Assessors Not to Call Too Often.

Taxpayers should prepare themselves for the annual onslaught of the assessors, who will begin on the first day of April the rounding up and listing of all taxable property within the confines of the county. The new state revenue law is a perfect terror for tax dodgers, and among other things it provides for a sworn statement of values.

The precinct assessors, with the exception of H. O. Strong of Nonpareil, who was ill, met at the office of County Assessor John Pilkington Saturday afternoon and received their instructions. Miss Avis Joder, county clerk, assisted in exemplifying the secret work of the order, giving instructions concerning the making out of the schedules. Mr. Pilkington explained the basis of assessment for the year and pointed out a number of new classes of property which will be taxed.

In Alliance, Mrs. S. C. Beck, Mrs. L. H. Highland and Mose Wright will serve as assessors. County Assessor Pilkington has an idea that in a good many cases, women are better judges of value than men, and therefore will try out his theory in the residence districts. Other precinct assessors are: Boyd, Tom Lawler, jr.; Box Butte, William Lorange; Dorsey, W. C. Johnson; Liberty, Ivan Meeker; Lawn, Joe Duhan; Lake, A. H. Grove; Nonpareil, H. O. Strong; Snake, J. J. Burke; Wright, George H. Hagaman.

Mr. Pilkington points out another variation from the usual custom. The assessors will call at the homes once, and if unsuccessful in finding their victims, will call a second and perhaps a third time, but if there is any ground for the suspicion that taxpayers are hiding out and deliberately attempting to miss the schedule makers, then all attempt at conveniencing will cease. Last year's assessment will be taken and a 50 per cent penalty added.